THE CATECHISM OF THE CHURCH, WITH PROOFS

From the

NEW TESTAMENT,

And some Additional

Questions and *Answers.*

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THE PREFACE.

THE Catechiſm *of the Church is ſo clear, and comprehenſive, as to want neither Expoſition, nor Enlargement: However, to make it the fitter to attend upon the Publick Service of God, in a large Congregation, I have (with entire Submiſſion to my Superiors) taken the Liberty to publiſh it with Three Improvements (if I may ſo call them)* 1. *By dividing it into proportionable* Sections, *for the diſpatching of the whole in a convenient Period of Time.* 2. *By confirming all the Branches of it with Spiritual* Proofs: *And* 3. *By explaining more fully ſome Parts of it, and eſpecially the Articles of the Creed: And that theſe Additions may not ſeem to claim an equal Rank with the reſt, they are printed in a diſtinct Character. I know, the Catechiſm hath been attended ſo often within theſe few Years with uſeful Enlargements from ſeveral Hands, that to come after them with ſuch a ſlight Performance, may be counted a mean Undertaking: But having a particular Deſign to purſue, which none of thoſe did exactly anſwer (ſome being too copious and elaborate, and the reſt not ſuiting perfectly with my Scheme) I have ventur'd upon a new Model, for the uſe of the Pariſh committed to my truſt: In which I was deſirous (according to my Duty) to ſettle an eaſy Method of Catechizing upon every Lord's Day, in time of Divine Service, as hoping then to do it with the greateſt Succeſs.*

For this Reaſon I have divided the Work into Twelve Portions, of ſuch a moderate Compaſs, as that One of them may without trouble be finiſh'd at a time; and the

whole in a Circle of Three Months: And by such an instructive Variety of Matter, there will be no fear (I presume) of tiring the Congregation. If it be thought, that some of the Sections are made of an inconvenient Length, by multiplying the Proofs, and lay too heavy a Burthen upon the young Learners; the Affair may be thus order'd at the Discretion of the Catechist: I have upon no Head exceeded the Number of Four Proofs; and when there is such choice, upon the first going over the Catechism, the first Proof may be given; and at the second time, the second; and so on, where the Number will bear it: By which means they may all be dispatch'd in a Year, and the Children may have nothing impos'd upon them above their Capacities; and both they, and the whole Congregation, may be much edified by the customary Use of so many necessary Lessons from the Holy Scripture: And when any one of the Proofs to a Branch is publickly repeated, they who look upon the Catechism may have the rest in their Eye, and be able to treasure them up for their own Benefit.

This, indeed, was my principle Aim, to furnish my young Parishioners with a Stock of Divine Instructions; and to teach them by this Essay, the way of using the Scriptures: And tho' for good Reason, I have chosen my Proofs wholly out of the New Testament, which is the proper Ground of all Christian Doctrine; and after this Pattern, they may improve all Parts of the Bible to Knowledge, and Piety, and Virtue. The Proofs which I have selected from the great Plenty before me, are set down in a Catechetical Form, and in Words at length; because the bare pointing to them by Marginal References, hath not the due Effect upon the generality of People, for want of their Diligence to consult them: Whereas such Passages inculcated to them in the Publick Assemblies, and laid up in their Memories, may prove very Instrumental (by the

the Grace of God) to guide their Steps, and to preſerve them againſt Error and Sin. The ſame Advantage may be expected from the like Method in Private Families: And I would earneſtly beſeech Parents and Maſters, not to be wanting in this Charitable Office to thoſe under their Care; but to initiate them ſeaſonably in the Principles of Religion, and to prepare them regularly for Confirmation, according to the excellent Order of the Church, and the Example of the Primitive Times: That by ſuch early Engagements, they may be fitted for higher Degrees of Proficiency, and may walk uprightly in the midſt of a crooked Generation, neither declining to the Right Hand nor to the left. Domeſtick Inſtitution is to lead the way to the Church; and it is a true Obſervation, made by one very eminent in Learning, and Piety; Abp. *Uſher.*

Let us preach never ſo many Sermons unto the People, our Labour is but loſt, as long as the Foundation is unlaid, and the Firſt Principles untaught, upon which all other Doctrine muſt be builded: *And therefore no Chriſtian that hath under him any tender and uninſtructed Souls, can be ignorant of his Duty in training them up Religiouſly; a Duty viſible even by the Light of Nature, and commanded by God to his Ancient People; and recommended by Apoſtolical Exhortation, and acknowledg'd in all Ages to be of Univerſal Neceſſity. Let us then be active, and faithful in diſcharging this Obligation; as knowing that we muſt give an Account to God for the Little Ones entruſted with us: But when we have done what lies in our Power, we muſt depend upon the* Divine *Bleſſing for the Succeſs of our Endeavour; for* Neither is he that Planteth any thing; neither he that Watereth, but God that giveth the Increaſe. 1 Cor. 3. 7.

A Prayer to be ſaid by Children, when they are learning the Catechiſm.

BLeſſed Lord, who haſt cauſed all Holy Scriptures to be written for our Learning; Grant that I may in ſuch wiſe hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digeſt them, and all Inſtructions agreeable to them, that by Patience and Comfort of thy holy Word, I may embrace, and ever hold faſt the bleſſed Hope of Everlaſting Life, which thou haſt given us in our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

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THE CATECHISM, WITH PROOFS from the *New Teſtament*, and ſome Additional QUESTIONS and ANSWERS.

SECT. I.

Of the Benefits of BAPTISM.

Queſt. **WHAT is your Name?**

Anſw. **N. or M.**

Queſt. Why doſt thou tell me the Name received in thy Baptiſm, rather than that of thy Family?

Anſw. Becauſe the Name I received at my Baptiſm, puts me in Mind of the Duties and Privileges of the Chriſtian Religion.

Queſt. **Who gave you this Name?**

Anſw. **By Godfathers and Godmothers in my Baptiſm, wherein I was made a Member of Chriſt, the Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.**

Queſt. Why did your Godfathers and Godmothers give you your Chriſtian Name?

Anſw. Becauſe they preſented me to my Baptiſm, by which I was made a Chriſtian; and did anſwer and engage

gage for me, and give Security to the Church for my Chriſtian Education: And therefore I regard them as my Spiritual Parents.

Queſt. How waſt thou made in Baptiſm a Member of Chriſt?

Anſw. In being then made a Member of his Spiritual Body, the Church; and thereby united to him as our Head, and deriving from him all my Strength and Power to live as a Chriſtian.

Queſt. How is this proved from Scripture?

Anſw. From Rom. 12. 5. *We being many, are one Body in Chriſt.*

1 Cor. 12. 12, 13. *As the Body is one, and hath many Members, ſo alſo is Chriſt: For by one Spirit are we all Baptized into one Body.*

Eph. 1. 22, 23. *He gave him to be head over all things to the Church, which is his Body.*

Queſt. How waſt thou made in Baptiſm the Child of God?

Anſw. In being then, by the Grace and Favour of God, adopted for one of his Children; through Chriſt, and our Regeneration in him.

Queſt. How is this proved from Scripture?

Anſw. John 1. 12. *As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name.*

Rom. 8. 15. *Ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

Gal. 3. 26, 27. *Ye are all the Children of God, by Faith in Chriſt Jeſus: For as many of you as have been Baptized into Chriſt, have put on Chriſt.*

Queſt. How waſt thou made in Baptiſm an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Anſw. In having the Promiſe of this Eternal Inheritance; ſo that I may ſurely attain to it, by leading a Chriſtian Life.

Queſt. How is this proved from Scripture?

Anſw. From Luke 12. 32. *Fear not, little Flock, for it is your Father's good Pleaſure to give you the Kingdom.*

Rom.

Rom. 8. 16, 17. *We are the Children of God: And if Children, then Heirs; Heirs of God, and Joint-Heirs with Christ.*

Tit. 3. 5, 7. *According to his Mercy he ſaved us; by the waſhing of Regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghoſt: That being juſtified by his Grace, we ſhould be made Heirs according to the Hope of Eternal Life.*

1 John 2. 25. *This is the Promiſe that he hath promiſed us, even Eternal Life.*

SECT. II.

Of the Vow in Baptiſm.

Queſt. YOU have told me what you were made in Baptiſm: But cannot you forfeit theſe great Advantages?

Anſw. I cannot fail of them, if I keep the Promiſes made for me, when I was Baptized.

Queſt. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

Anſw. They did promiſe and vow three Things in my Name: First, That I ſhould renounce the Devil and all his Works; the Pomps and Vanity of this wicked World; and all the ſinful Luſts of the Fleſh. Secondly, That I ſhould believe all the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith. And thirdly, That I ſhould keep God's holy Will and Commandments, and walk in the ſame all the Days of my Life.

Queſt. Doſt thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do as they have promiſed for thee?

Anſw. Yes verily, and by God's help ſo I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to the ſtate of Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his Grace, that I may continue in the ſame unto my Life's end.

Queſt.

Queſt. Thou doſt well in praying to God for his Grace, and in owning the Neceſſity of his Help: But what Proof haſt thou from Scripture for the doing ſo?

Anſw. From John 15. 5. *Without me ye can do nothing.*

2 Cor. 12. 9. *He ſaid unto me, My Grace is ſufficient for thee; for my Strength is made perfect in Weakneſs.*

Phil. 2. 13. *It is God which worketh in you both to will, and to do, of his good Pleaſure.*

Phil. 4. 13. *I can do all things through Chriſt which ſtrengtheneth me.*

Queſt. Where didſt thou learn to pray to God for his Grace?

Anſw. From Luke 11. 13. *If ye being evil, know how to give good Gifts unto your Children; how much more ſhall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Heb. 4. 16. *Let us come boldly unto the Throne of Grace; that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need.*

Queſt. What doſt thou bind thy ſelf to in renouncing the Devil, and all his Works?

Anſw. I bind my ſelf to the Abhorrences of Satan and all his Temptations; and to the avoiding of all Wickedneſs, either promoted by him, or done in Imitation of him.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Obligation?

Anſw. From 1 John 3. 8. *He that committeth Sin is of the Devil; for the Devil ſinneth from the beginning: For this purpoſe the Son of God was manifeſted, that he might deſtroy the Works of the Devil.*

1 John 5. 18. *We know that whoſoever is born of God ſinneth not: But he that is begotten of God, keepeth himſelf; and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

Eph. 4. 27. *Neither give place to the Devil.*

Queſt. What doſt thou bind thy ſelf to, in renouncing the Pomps and Vanity of this wicked world?

Anſw. I bind my ſelf not to ſeek greedily, or by unlawful Means, after Honour, and Glory, and Riches; nor to uſe any of God's Creatures to exceſs; but to refrain from

from Pride, and Ambition, and Covetouſneſs; and from ungodly and vain Cuſtoms, and all the outward allurements to Sin.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Obligation?

Anſw. From 1 John 2. 15. *Love not the World, neither the Things that are in the World. If any Man love the World, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Rom. 12. 2. *Be not conformed to this World.*

Jam. 4. 4. *Know ye not that the Friendſhip of the World is enmity with God? whoſoever therefore will be a Friend of the World, is the Enemy of God.*

Queſt. What doſt thou bind thy ſelf to, in renouncing the ſinful Luſts of the Fleſh?

Anſw. I bind my ſelf to abſtain from thoſe ſenſual Pleaſures which God hath forbidden; and to reſiſt all impure Deſires; and to tame, and to regulate my diſorderly Inclinations and corrupt Nature, inwardly delighting in what is evil.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou in this Obligation?

Anſw. From. Gal. 5. 24. *They that are Chriſt's have crucified the Affections and Luſts.*

Rom. 8. 13. *If ye live after the Fleſh ye ſhall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortifie the deeds of the Body, ye ſhall live.*

1 Pet. 2. 11. *I beſeech you as Strangers, and Pilgrims, abſtain from fleſhly luſts, which war againſt the Soul.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of being bound to believe all the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith?

Anſw. From John 3. 36. *He that believeth on the Son, hath everlaſting life; and he that believeth not the Son, ſhall not ſee life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

John 17. 3. *This is the life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent.*

Mark 16. 16. *He that believeth, and is baptized, ſhall be ſaved: but he that believeth not, ſhall be damned.*

1 John 3. 23. *This is his commandment, that we ſhould believe on the Name of his Son Jeſus Chriſt.*

Queſt.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of being bound to keep all the Commandments of God?

Anſw. From John 14. 15. *If ye love me, keep my Commandments.*

Matt. 28. 20. *Teaching them to obſerve all things whatſoever I have commanded you.*

1 John 2. 3, 4. *Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his Commandments. He that ſaith I know him, and keepeth not his Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

Eph. 2. 10. *We are his Workmanſhip, created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we ſhould walk in them.*

SECT. III.

Of the Creed; and more particularly of God the Father.

Catech. Rehearſe the Articles of thy Belief.

Anſw. 1. I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth: 2. And in Jeſus Chriſt, his only Son our Lord: 3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin Mary: 4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was Crucified, Dead, and Buried; he deſcended into Hell: 5. The third Day he roſe again from the Dead: 6. He aſcended into Heaven and ſitteth at the right Hand of God the Father Almighty. 7. From thence he ſhall come to judge the Quick and the Dead. 8. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt. 9. The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints: 10. The Forgiveneſs of Sins: 11. The Reſurrection of the Body: 12. And the Life everlaſting. Amen.

Queſt.

Queſt. Thou haſt well repeated this Apoſtolical Summary of the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion. But why doſt thou ſay *Amen*, after the rehearſing of it?

Anſw. To teſtify my ſtedfaſt Belief of it; and my deſire to live as one that heartily believes it.

Queſt. **What doſt thou chiefly learn in theſe Articles of thy Belief?**

Anſw. **Firſt, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made Me and all the World.**

Secondly, In God the Son, who hath redeemed Me and all Mankind.

Thirdly, In God the Holy Ghoſt, who ſanctifieth Me and all the Elect People of God.

Queſt. What is it to belive in God?

Anſw. To believe that God is, and that He is Faithful and True in all his Words; and to truſt in Him, and depend upon Him.

Queſt. Let us go over the Articles of the Creed more diſtinctly: What believeſt thou concerning the firſt Article, *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth?*

Anſw. I believe, that there is One Living and True God; an Infinite, Eternal, and Incomprehenſible Spirit; having all Perfections in, and of himſelf: And that God was from all Eternity, the Father of our Lord Chriſt; and that he hath an unlimited Power, and Right to do whatſoever he pleaſeth; and that he did exert this Power, in making out of Nothing, by his Word alone, the Heavens and the Earth, and all things therein; which he ſtill preſerves and diſpoſeth of moſt wiſely, accordnig to his own Will.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of God's being an Eternal Spirit?

Anſw. From John 4. 24. *God is a Spirit.*

1 Tim. 1. 17. *Unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Inviſible, the only wiſe God, be Honour and Glory for ever and ever.*

1. Tim. 6. 16. *Who only hath Immortality, dwelling in the Light which no Man can approach unto; whom no Man hath ſeen or can ſee; to whom be Honour and Power everlaſting.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou, that there is but One God?

Anſw. From 1 Cor. 8. 4. *There is none other God but One.*

Eph. 4. 6. *One God, and Father of all; who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

1 Tim. 2. 5. *There is one God, and one Mediator between God and Men, the Man Chriſt Jeſus.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of Three Perſons in the Unity of this Godhead?

Anſw. From 1 John 5. 7. *There are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghoſt; and theſe Three are One.*

Matt. 28. 19. *Teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt.*

2. Cor. 13. 14. *The Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghoſt, be with you all.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of God's being Almighty?

Anſw. From Matt. 19. 26. *With God all things are poſſible.*

Mark 14. 36. *Abba, Father, all things are poſſible unto thee.*

Rom 4. 21. *Being fully perſwaded, that what he had promiſed, he was able alſo to perform.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of God's creating the World?

Anſw. Beſides the Hiſtory of the Creation, from Acts 5. 24. *Lord, thou art God, which haſt made Heaven, and Earth, and the Sea, and all that in them is.*

1. Cor. 8. 6. *To us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

Heb. 11. 3. *Through Faith we underſtand, that the Worlds were framed by the Word of God; ſo that things which are ſeen, were not made of things which do appear.*

Rev. 4. 11. *O Lord, thou haſt created all things; and for thy Pleaſure they are, and were created.*

SECT.

SECT. IV.

Of Chriſt in his Divine Nature and Incarnation.

Queſt. WHAT believeſt thou concerning the Second Article of the Creed, *And in Jeſus Chriſt, his only Son; our Lord?*

Anſw. I believe in *Jeſus*, as the Saviour of Mankind, and that he is truly the *Chriſt*, who was promiſed to come for our Redemption: And that he is the only Son of God by Nature, begotten from everlaſting of the Father: And that he is our Lord, and Maſter, and God.

Queſt. What is implied by owning *Jeſus* to be Chriſt, or the Meſſias?

Anſw. That he was the promiſed Redeemer of his People; and was anointed with the Spirit of God, to be their King, and Prieſt, and Prophet.

Qu. How is Chriſt our King, and Prieſt, and Prophet?

Anſw. He is our King, in governing, and protecting his Church: He is our Prieſt in offering one Sacrifice, and always interceding for us; and he is our Prophet, in teaching us moſt perfectly the Will of God.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of being bound to believe in Chriſt?

Anſw. From John 3. 18. *He that believeth on him, is not condemned; but he that believeth not, is condemned already; becauſe he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.*

John 14. 1. *Ye believe in God; believe alſo in me.*

Acts 16. 31. *Believe on the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and thou ſhalt be ſaved.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove that Chriſt is the Saviour of Mankind?

Anſw. From Matt. 1. 21. *Thou ſhalt call his Name Jeſus: For he ſhall ſave the People from their Sins.*

1 Tim. 1. 15. *This is a faithful ſaying, and worthy of all acceptation; that Chriſt Jeſus came into the World to ſave Sinners.*

Heb. 5. 9. *He became the Author of Eternal Salvation, unto all them that obey him.*

1 John 4. 14. *We have ſeen and do teſtify, that the Father ſent the Son to be the Saviour of the World.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove that Salvation can be obtain'd by no other way, but by Chriſt alone?

Anſw. From John 14. 6. *I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: No Man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

John 15. 6. *If a Man abide not in me, he is caſt forth as a Branch, and is withered; and Men gather them, and caſt them into the Fire, and they are burned.*

Acts 4. 12. *Neither is their Salvation in any other: For there is none other Name under Heaven given among Men, whereby we muſt be ſaved.*

1 John 5. 12. *He that hath the Son hath Life; and he that hath not the Son, hath not Life.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that Jeſus is the Chriſt?

Anſw. From Matt. 16. 16. *Thou art Chriſt, the Son of the living God.*

John 6. 69 *We believe and are ſure that thou art that Chriſt, the Son of the living God*

Acts 2. 36. *Let all the Houſe of Iſrael know aſſuredly, that God hath made that ſame Jeſus, whom ye have Crucified, both Lord and Chriſt.*

1 John 5. 1. *Whoſoever believeth that Jeſus is the Chriſt, is born of God.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that Chriſt is the Only Son of God?

Anſw. From John 1. 18. *No Man hath ſeen God at any time: The only begotten Son, which is in the boſom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

1 John 4. 9. *In this was manifeſted the love of God towards us, becauſe that God ſent his only begotten Son into the World, that we might live through him.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove our Saviour to be God?

Anſw.

Anſw. From John 1. 1. *In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Rom 9. 5. *Chriſt came, who is over all, God bleſſed for ever.*

Phil. 2. 6. *Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.*

Col. 2. 9. *In him dwelleth all the fulneſs of the Godhead bodily.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the Third Article of the Creed, *Who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin* Mary?

Anſw. I believe that Chriſt was conceiv'd without any Sin, by the Miraculous Power of the Holy Ghoſt overſhadowing a pure Virgin, whoſe Name was *Mary*: and that he perfectly took our Nature, and was born of her, appearing hereby to be the Son of *David.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of our Lord's Conception by the Holy Ghoſt?

Anſw. From Matt. 1. 20. *Fear not to take unto thee* Mary *thy Wife, for that which was conceiv'd in her is of the Holy Ghoſt.*

Luke. 1. 35. *The Holy Ghoſt ſhall come upon thee, and the Power of the Higheſt ſhall overſhadow thee: therefore alſo that holy thing which ſhall be born of thee, ſhall be called the Son of God.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou, that our Lord did really take the Nature of Man?

Anſw. From John 1. 14. *The Word was made Fleſh, and dwelt among us.*

Gal. 4. 4. *God ſent his Son made of a Woman.*

Heb. 2. 16. *Verily he took not on him the Nature of Angels; but he took on him the Seed of* Abraham.

1 Tim. 3. 16. *God manifeſt in the Fleſh.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that Chriſt deſcended from *David*?

Anſw. From his Genealogy in the Goſpel, and from Matt. 21. 9. *Hoſannah to the Son of* David.

Luke 1. 32. *The Lord God ſhall give unto him the Throne of his Father* David.

Acts

Acts 13. 23. *Of this Man's Seed hath God, according to the Promiſe, raiſed unto Iſrael a Saviour, Jeſus.*

Rom. 1. 3. *Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who was made of the Seed of* David, *according to the Fleſh.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove that Chriſt was born of a Virgin?

Anſw. From Matt. 1.22,23. *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was ſpoken of the Lord by the Prophet, ſaying, Behold, a Virgin ſhall be with Child, and ſhall bring forth a Son.*

SECT V.

Of Chriſt in his Sufferings and Exaltations.

Queſt. WHAT believeſt thou concerning the Fourth Article of the Creed, *Suffered under* Pontius Pilate, *was Crucified, Dead, and Buried*; † *He deſcended into Hell?*

† This Branch may as reaſonably be joined with the following Article: But the full Meaning of it the Church hath left undetermin'd.

Anſw. I believe that the Son of God having taken our Fleſh, did therein, for our Benefit, undergo the accurſed Death of the Croſs; to which he was condemned by *Pontius Pilate*, the *Roman* Governor of *Judea*: And that his Soul was really ſeparated from his Body; which lying for ſome time in the Grave, his Soul removed to the Spirits of Men departed; and having conquered the Powers of Darkneſs by his Death, he went down into Hell.

Queſt.

Queſt. Why did our Lord ſubmit to the Death of the Croſs?

Anſw. To deliver Mankind by the infinite Price of his Blood, from the Puniſhment, and Curſe that was due for our Sins; and to reconcile his Father to us, by ſatisfying his Juſtice, and making himſelf a Sacrifice for us.

Queſt. How is this End of our Saviour's Death prov'd from the Scripture?

Anſw. From Gal. 3. 13. *Chriſt hath redeemed us from the Curſe of the Law, being made a Curſe for us.*

Rom. 5. 10. *When we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God by the Death of his Son.*

1 Pet. 2. 24. *Who his own ſelf bare our Sins in his own Body on a Tree, that we being dead to Sin, ſhould live unto Righteouſneſs; by whoſe Stripes ye are healed.*

1. John 2. 2. *He is the Propitiation for our Sins: and not for ours only, but alſo for the Sins of the whole World.*

Queſt. What Proof is there of Chriſt's deſcending into Hell?

Anſw. From Acts 2. 25, 27. *David ſpeaketh concerning him, thou wilt not leave my Soul in Hell.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the fifth Article of the Creed, *The third day he roſe again from the Dead?*

Anſw. I believe, that on the Morning of the third Day after his Paſſion, the Soul of Chriſt was united again to his Crucified Body; and he aroſe from the Grave, to an Immortal Life, by the Power of God.

Queſt How doſt thou prove the Reſurrection of Chriſt in this manner?

Anſw. From the Hiſtory of the Goſpel; and from Acts 2. 24. *Whom God hath raiſed up, having looſed the pains of Death; becauſe it was not poſſible that he ſhould be holden of it.*

Acts 13. 17. *He whom God raiſed again, ſaw no Corruption.*

Rom. 6. 9. *Chriſt being raiſed from the Dead, dieth no more; Death hath no more Dominion over him.*

Rev.

Rev. 1. 18. *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore,* Amen; *and have the Keys of Hell and of Death.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the ſixth Article of the Creed, *He aſcended into Heaven and ſitteth at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty?*

Anſw. I believe, that Chriſt having finiſhed by his Death the Works of our Redemption, was in his glorify'd Body taken up to Heaven, in the ſight of his Diſciples, Forty Days after his Reſurrection: And that from his entrance into Heaven, he hath been exalted to the Honour of ſitting at the Right Hand of God the Father, and of appearing for us in his Preſence with full Power and Dominion.

Queſt. Thou didſt tell me truly, that God is a Spirit; and how then can Chriſt ſit at his Right Hand?

Anſw. This Expreſſion is borrowed from the manner of Men, in counting it the moſt honourable Place to be ſet on the Right Hand of a Prince; and ſo it ſignifies, that Chriſt is advanced in Heaven to the higheſt Dignity and Authority under God.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of the Truth of this Article?

Anſw. From the Hiſtory of our Lord's Aſcenſion, and from

1 Pet. 3. 22. *Who is gone into Heaven, and is on the Right Hand of God; Angels, and Authorities, and Powers being made ſubject unto him.*

Eph. 1. 20, 21. *He raiſed him from the Dead, and ſet him at his own Right Hand in the Heavenly Places; far above all Principality, and Power, and Might, and Dominion; and every Name that is named, not only in this World, but alſo in that which is to come.*

Heb. 10. 12. *This Man, after he had offered one ſacrifice for Sins, for ever ſat down on the Right Hand of God.*

Acts 7. 56. *Behold I ſee the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man ſtanding on the Right Hand of God.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the ſeventh Article of the Creed, *From thence he ſhall come to judge the Quick and the Dead?*

Anſw.

Answ. I believe that Christ shall come down again from Heaven with great Majesty, to judge all Men according to their Works done in this Life; both the Righteous and the Wicked; both such as shall be found alive at his second coming, and such as have died, and shall die before it, in all Ages of the World.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Answ. From Matt. 16. 27. *The Son of Man shall come in the Glory of his Father, with his Angels; and then he shall reward every Man according to his Works.*

Act. 10. 42. *He commanded us to preach unto the People, and to testify that it is he which was ordain'd of God, to be the Judge of Quick, and Dead.*

Acts 17. 31. *He hath appointed a Day, in the which he will judge the World in Righteousness, by that Man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all Men, in that he hath raised him from the Dead.*

2 Cor. 5. 10. *We must appear before the Judgment-seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his Body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

SECT. VI.

Of the Holy Ghost, and the following Articles of the Creed.

Quest. WHAT believest thou concerning the Eighth Article of the Creed, *I believe in the Holy Ghost?*

Answ. I believe in the Holy Spirit, as God, together with the Father and the Son; and that as the Scriptures come from his Inspiration; so by his working upon the Soul, all good Christians are led, and converted, and sanctify'd, and made acceptable to God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of these Operations of the Divine Spirit?

Answ

Answ. From Rom. 8. 14. *As many as are led by th Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God.*

1 Cor. 3. 16. *Know ye not that ye are the Temple o God; and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

1 Cor. 6. 11. *But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified but ye are justified in the Name of our Lord Jesus, and b the Spirit of our God.*

1 John 4. 13. *Hereby know we that we dwell in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that the Scripture come from the Inspiration of the Holy Ghost?

Answ. From 2 Tim. 3. 16. *All Scripture is given b Inspiration of God.*

2 Pet. 1. 21. *The Prophecy came not in old time by th will of Man; but holy Men of God spake as they were mov'd by the Holy Ghost.*

Acts 3. 21. *God hath spoken by the mouth of all his ho ly Prophets since the World began.*

John 16. 3. *When the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all Truth.*

Quest. What believest thou concerning the Ninth Article of the Creed, *The Holy Catholick Church, th Communion of Saints?*

Answ. I believe, that the Servants of God in all Age and Places, have made up One Body under Christ thei Head; and that there is, and always will be a Com pany of true Believers, appointed to Salvation, an joining in the Word and Sacrament, under Pastor lawfully ordain'd; and that the Members of thi Church are called to be Saints, and ought to main tain Communion with Christ, and Fellowship wit one another in the Offices of Piety and Charity.

Quest. Why is the Church called *Holy* and *Catho lick?*

Answ. The Church is called *Holy*, because it is join ed to God in Covenant; and the true Members of i are sanctify'd by the Spirit of Holiness; and it is call' *Catholick*, or *Universal*, because it is spread over all th World, and all Nations are equally admitted to it.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Holy, Catholick Church?

Anſw. From Matt. 16. 18. *Upon this Rock I will build my Church; and the Gates of Hell ſhall not prevail againſt it.*

Acts 20. 28. *The Holy Ghoſt hath made you Overſeers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchaſed with his own Blood.*

Mark 16. 15. *Go ye into all the World, and preach the Goſpel to every Creature.*

Eph. 5. 27. *That he might preſent it to himſelf a Glorious Church, not having Spot or Wrinkle; but that it ſhould be holy and without Blemiſh.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of the Communion of Saints?

Anſw. From Acts 2. 42. *They continued ſtedfaſtly in the Apoſtles Doctrine and Fellowſhip; and in breaking of Bread, and in Prayers.*

Eph. 4. 3. *Endeavouring to keep the Unity of the Spirit, in the Bond of Peace.*

1 Cor. 1. 10. *I beſeech you, Brethren, by the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that ye all ſpeak the ſame things, and that there be no Diviſions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the ſame Mind, and in the ſame Judgment.*

1 John 1. 7. *If we walk in the Light, as he is in the Light, we have Fellowſhip one with another.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the Tenth Article of the Creed, *The Forgiveneſs of Sins?*

Anſw. I believe that in the Chriſtian Church, Pardon is offer'd by God to all penitent Sinners, and ſealed in Baptiſm, through the Merits of our Saviour's Death and Satisfaction: And that he hath authoriz'd the Miniſters of his Church, to declare and apply this Releaſe from the Guilt of Sin, to all ſuch as ſincerely Believe and Repent.

Queſt. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Anſw. From Luke 24. 41. *That Repentance and Remiſſion of Sins ſhould be preached in his Name among all Nations.*

2 Cor. 5. 19. *God was in Chriſt, reconciling the World unto himſelf, not imputing their Treſpaſſes unto them; and hath committed unto us the Word Reconciliation.*

Eph. 1. 7. *In whom we have Redemption through his Blood, the Forgiveneſs of Sins, according to the Riches of his Grace.*

John 20. 23. *Whoſe ſoever Sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the Eleventh Article of the Creed, *The Reſurrection of the Body?*

Anſw. I believe that the Dead Bodies of all Men ſhall hereafter be raiſed out of the Grave, and reſtor'd for ever to their Souls; that they may be judged in the very ſame Fleſh that they had in this Life, and that the Saints may be freed from Corruption, and cloathed with Immortality.

Queſt. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Anſw. From John 5. 28, 29. *The hour is coming, in which all that are in the Graves ſhall hear his Voice and ſhall come forth; they that have done Good, unto the Reſurrection of Life; and they that have done Evil, unto the Reſurrection of Damnation.*

Acts 24 15. *I have hope towards God, which they themſelves alſo allow, that there ſhall be a Reſurrection both of the Juſt and Unjuſt.*

2 Cor. 4. 14. *Knowing that he which raiſed up the Lord Jeſus, ſhall raiſe us up alſo by Jeſus.*

1 Theſ. 4. 14. *If we believe that Jeſus died, and roſe again, even ſo them alſo which ſleep in Jeſus, will God bring with him.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the Twelfth Article of the Creed, *And the Life Everlaſting?*

Anſw. I believe that after the Reſurrection, all the Righteous ſhall enjoy Eternal and Unſpeakable Happineſs, both in Body and Soul; and dwell for ever with Chriſt in the higheſt Heavens.

Queſt. How is this proved from Scripture?

Anſw. From John 6. 47. *Verily, Verily, I ſay unto you; He that believeth on me, hath Everlaſting Life.*

John

John 10. 38. *I give them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my Hand.*

1 Pet. 5. 4. *When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away.*

1 John 5. 11. *This is the Record that God hath given to us, Eternal Life: And this Life is in his Son.*

Quest. How are the Wicked to be disposed of hereafter?

Answ. They are to be banish'd from the Presence of God, and tormented eternally in Hell, with the Devil and his Angels.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Answ. From Matt. 25. 41. *Depart from me, ye Cursed, into Everlasting Fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels.*

Luke 3. 17. *He will gather the Wheat into his Garner; but the Chaff he will burn with Fire unquenchable.*

1 Cor. 6. 9. *Know ye not that the Unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God?*

2 Thess. 1. 7, 8, 9. *The Lord Jesus shall be reveal'd from Heaven, with his mighty Angels, in flaming Fire, taking Vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with Everlasting Destruction, from the Presence of the Lord, and from the Glory of his Power.*

SECT. VII.

Of the Ten Commandments.

Quest. YOU said that your Godfathers and Godmothers did promise for you, that you should keep God's Commandments. Tell me how many there be?

Answ. Ten.

Quest. Hath God given us no more than Ten Rules of Obedience?

Answ. The Ten Commandments are a Summary of the Moral Law, containing the whole Duty both to God, and Man.

Quest. Which be they?

Answ. THE same which God spake in the twentieth Chapter of Exodus, saying;

I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

I. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thy self any Graven Image, nor the Likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the Sins of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me; and shew Mercy unto Thousands in them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hear him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

IV. Remember that ye keep Holy the Sabbath-Day, Six Days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do, but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of Work, thou and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy Man-servant, and thy Maid-servant, thy Cattle and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in Six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea and all that in them is, and rested the Seventh Day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the Seventh Day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy Father and Mother; that thy Days may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no Murther.

VII. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not Steal.

IX.

IX. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe Witneſs againſt thy Neighbour.

X. Thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbour's Houſe: Thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife, nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Aſs, nor any thing that is his.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou, that Chriſt hath confirmed theſe Commandments?

Anſw. From Matt. 19. 17. *If thou wilt enter into Life, keep the Commandments.*

Matt. 22. 37,38,39,40 *Jeſus ſaith unto him, Thou ſhalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind: This is the firſt and great Commandment. And the ſecond is like unto it: Thou ſhalt love thy Neighbour as thy ſelf. On theſe two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.*

Rom. 7. 12. *The Law is Holy; and the Commandments Holy, and Juſt, and Good.*

Queſt. What doſt thou chiefly learn by theſe Commandments?

Anſw. I learn two things; my Duty towards God, and my Duty towards my Neighbour.

Queſt. What is thy Duty towards God?

Anſw. My Duty towards God, is to believe in him, to fear him, and to love him with all my Heart, with all my Mind, with all my Soul, and with all my Strength; to worſhip him; to give him Thanks to put my whole Truſt in him; to call upon him to honour his Holy Name and his Word, and to ſerve him truly all the Days of my Life.

Queſt. What is thy Duty towards thy Neighbour?

Anſw. My Duty towards my Neighbour, is to love him as my ſelf; and to do to all Men as I would they ſhould do unto me. To love, honour, and ſuccour my Father and Mother. To honour and obey the King, and all that are put in Authority under him. To ſubmit my ſelf to all my Governours Teachers, Spiritual Paſtors, and Maſters. To

order my self lowly and reverently, to all my Betters. To hurt no body by Word or Deed. To be true and just in all my Dealings. To bear no Malice nor Hatred in my Heart; to keep my Hands from Picking and Stealing, and my Tongue from Evil Speaking, Lying and Slandering. To keep my Body in Temperance, Soberness and Chastity. Not to covet or desire other mens Goods; but to learn, and labour truly to get my own Living; and to do my Duty in that State of Life unto which it shall please God to call me.

SECT. VIII.

Of the Duties of the First Table.

Quest. THOU hast told me the several Parts of thy Duty towards God; how dost thou prove it to be thy Duty to believe in him?

Answ. From Heb. 11. 6. *Without Faith it is impossible to please him: For he that cometh to God, must believe that he is; and that he is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Rom. 4. 20. *He staggered not at the Promise of God through Unbelief; but was strong in Faith, giving Glory to God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy Duty to fear God?

Answ. From Luke 12. 5. *I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath Power to cast into Hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

1 Pet. 2. 17. *Fear God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy Duty to love God?

Answ. From Mark 12. 30. *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind, and with all thy Strength.*

John

John 21. 15. *Lord, thou knoweſt that I love thee.*

Eph. 6. 24. *Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jeſus Chriſt in ſincerity.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it to be thy Duty to worſhip God?

Anſw. From John 4. 23. *The Hour cometh, and now is, when the true Worſhippers ſhall worſhip the Father in Spirit, and in Truth: For the Father ſeeketh ſuch to worſhip him.*

Matt. 4. 10. *It is written, thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and him only ſhalt thou ſerve.*

Rev. 22. 9. *Worſhip God.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of Bodily Worſhip?

Anſw. From Luke 23. 41. *He kneeled down and prayed.*

Acts 20. 36. *He kneeled down and prayed with them all.*

Epheſ. 3. 14. *I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.*

Rev. 4. 10. *The Elders fall down before him that ſat on the Throne, and worſhip him that liveth for ever and ever.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou from the Chriſtian Law, againſt Idolatrous Worſhip?

Anſw. From 1 Cor. 10. 14. *My dearly beloved, flee from Idolatry.*

2 Cor. 6. 16. *What Agreement hath the Temple of God with Idols?*

1 John 5. 21. *Little Children keep your ſelves from Idols.*

Queſt. Are Chriſtians bound to keep Holy the Sabbath Day, for the more ſolemn Worſhip of God?

Anſw. The Precept of the Sabbath is ſtill in force, as to the Moral Equity of it, but not as to the Ceremonial Part, and the Limitation of the Seventh Day of the Week: And inſtead hereof, the Chriſtian Church hath from the Beginning ſet apart the Firſt Day of the Week, in memory of our Lord's Reſurrection upon that Day; and the publick Worſhip of God requires our Attendance.

Queſt.

Queſt. How is this Practice proved from the Apoſtles?

Anſw. From John 20. 19. *The ſame Day at Evening, being the firſt Day of the Week, when the Doors were ſhut, where the Diſciples were aſſembled for fear of the Jews, came Jeſus, and ſtood in the midſt, and ſaith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

Acts 20. 7. *Upon the firſt Day of the Week, when the Diſciples came together to break Bread, Paul preached unto them.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to give Thanks to God?

Anſw. From 1 Theſſ. 5. 18. *In every thing give Thanks: For this is the Will of God in Chriſt Jeſus concerning you.*

Eph. 5. 20. *Giving Thanks always for all things unto God, and the Father, in the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.*

Heb. 13. 15. *Let us offer the Sacrifice of Praiſe to God continually; that is, the Fruit of our Lips, giving Thanks to his Name.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to put thy whole Truſt in God?

Anſw. From 1 Tim. 4. 10. *We truſt in the Living God, who is the Saviour of all Men, eſpecially of thoſe that believe.*

Phil. 3. 6. *Be careful for nothing: But in every thing by Prayer, and Supplication with Thankſgiving, let your Requeſt be made known unto God.*

1 Pet. 5. 7. *Caſting all your Care upon him, for he careth for you.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to call upon God?

Anſw. From Matt. 7. 7. *Ask, and it ſhall be given you: Seek, and ye ſhall find: Knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you.*

Epheſ. 6. 18. *Praying always, with all Prayer and Supplication in the Spirit; and watching thereunto with all Perſeverance.*

Col. 4. 2. *Continue in Prayer, and watch in the ſame with Thankſgiving.*

1. Theſſ. 5. 17. *Pray without ceaſing.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to honour the Name of God?

Anſw. From 1 Tim. 6. 1. *That the Name of God and his Doctrine, be not blaſphemed.*

1 Cor. 10. 31. *Whatſoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it unlawful to diſhonour God's Name by Swearing?

Anſw. From Matt. 5. 34. *I ſay unto you, ſwear not at all.*

Jam. 5. 12. *Above all things, my Brethren, ſwear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the Earth, neither by any other Oath; but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; leſt ye fall into Condemnation.*

Queſt. Is then the taking of any Oath whatſoever prohibited by Chriſt?

Anſw. No: This was not our Saviour's Meaning, to forbid the taking of any Oath whatſoever, tho' requir'd by the Magiſtrate, and taken for Righteous Ends; but that which he forbids, is the Swearing raſhly, or vainly, or falſly, or in ordinary Communication.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to honour and obey the Word of God?

Anſw. From Luke 11. 28. *Bleſſed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.*

Col. 3. 16. *Let the Word of Chriſt dwell in you richly in all Wiſdom.*

2 Tim. 3. 15. *From a Child thou haſt known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wiſe unto Salvation, through Faith which is in Chriſt Jeſus.*

Jam. 2. 21, 22. *Receive with Meekneſs the ingrafted Word, which is able to ſave your Souls. But be ye Doers of the Word, and not Hearers only, deceiving your own ſelves.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to ſerve God all the Days of thy Life?

Anſw. From Luke 1. 74, 75. *That we might ſerve him without Fear; in Holineſs, and Righteouſneſs before him, all the Days of our Life.*

Rom.

Rom. 6. 22. *Being made free from Sin, and becom Servants to God, ye have your fruit unto Holineſs, and th End Everlaſting Life.*

1 Cor. 6. 10. *Ye are bought with a Price; therefor glorifie God in your Body, and in your Spirit, which ar God's.*

2 Cor. 5. 15. *He died for all, that they which live ſhould not henceforth live unto themſelves; but unto hin which died for them, and roſe again.*

SECT. IX.

Of the Duties of the Second Table.

Queſt. THOU haſt told me the ſeveral Parts of thy Duty towards thy Neighbour; but how doſt thou prove it to be thy Duty to love him as thy ſelf?

Anſw. From Gal. 5. 14. *All the Law is fulfilled in one Word, even this; Thou ſhalt love thy Neighbour as thy ſelf.*

Jam. 2. 8. *If ye fulfil the Royal Law, according to th Scripture, Thou ſhalt love thy Neighbour as thy ſelf, ye do well.*

John 13. 34. *A new Commandment give I unto you, That ye love one another, as I have loved you; that ye alſo love another.*

1 John 3. 11. *This is the Meſſage that ye heard from the Beginning, that we ſhould love one another.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to do to all Men as thou wouldeſt they ſhould do unto thee?

Anſw. From Matt. 7. 12. *All things whatſoever ye would that Men ſhould do to you, do ye even ſo to them.*

Luke 6. 31. *As ye would that Men ſhould do to you, do ye alſo to them likewiſe.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to Love, Honour, and Succour thy Father and Mother?

Anſw.

Answ. From Matt. 15. 4. *God commanded, saying, Honour thy Father and Mother.*

Eph. 6. 1, 2. *Children, obey your Parents in the Lord: For this is right. Honour thy Father and thy Mother.*

Col. 3. 20. *Children, obey your Parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.*

1 Tim. 5. 4 *If any Widow have Children, or Nephew, let them first learn to shew Piety at home, and to requite their Parents: For that is good and acceptable before God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove what Duty lies upon Parents, in regard to their Children?

Answ. From Eph. 6. 4. *Ye Fathers, provoke not your Children to Wrath: But bring them up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord.*

Heb. 12. 7. *What Son is he whom the Father chasteneth not?*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty to honour and obey the King, and all that are put in Authority under him?

Answ. From Rom. 13. 1, 2, 5. *Let every Soul be subject unto the higher Powers. For there is no Power but of God: The Powers that be, are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the Power, resisteth the Ordinance of God, and they that resist, shall receive unto themselves Damnation Wherefore, ye must needs be subject, not only for Wrath, but for Conscience sake.*

Tit. 2. 1. *Put them in mind to be subject to Principalities and Powers; to obey Magistrates; to be ready to every good Work.*

1 Pet. 13. 14. *Submit your selves to every Ordinance of Man, for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the King, as Supream; or unto Governours, as unto them that are sent by him for the Punishment of Evil-doers, and for the Praise of them that do dwell.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty to submit thy self to thy Spiritual Governours and Pastors?

Answ. From Heb. 13. 17. *Obey them that have the Rule over you, and submit your selves; for they watch*

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for your Souls; as they that must give Account; that they may do it with Joy, and not with Grief; for that is unprofitable for you.

1 Tim. 5. 17. *Let the Elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double Honour; especially they who labour in the Word and Doctrine.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be the Duty of Servants to submit to their Masters?

Answ. From Eph. 6. 5, 6. *Servants, be obedient to them that are your Masters according to the Flesh; with fear, and trembling, in singleness of your Hearts, as unto Christ: not with Eye-service, as Men-pleasers, but as the Servants of Christ; doing the Will of God from the Heart.*

Tit. 2. 9, 10. *Exhort Servants to be obedient unto their own Masters, and to please them well in all things, not answering again, not purloining; but shewing all good Fidelity, that they may adorn the Doctrine of God and our Saviour in all things.*

1 Pet. 2. 18. *Servants, be subject to your Masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*

Quest. How dost thou prove what Duty lies upon Masters in Regard to their Servants?

Answ. From Col. 4. 1. *Masters, give unto your Servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in Heaven.*

Ephes. 6. 9. *Ye Masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatning: Knowing that your Master also is in Heaven, neither is there Respect of Persons with him.*

Quest. How dost thou prove the Duty of Husbands and Wives towards one another?

Answ. From Col. 3. 18, 19. *Wives, submit your selves unto your own Husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your Wives, and be not bitter against them.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty to order thy self Lowly and Reverently to all thy Betters?

Answ. From 1 Pet. 5. 5. *Ye Younger, submit your selves unto the Elder: Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be cloathed with Humility.*

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Eph. 5. 21. *Submitting your ſelves one to another in the fear of God.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to hurt no body by Word or Deed?

Anſw. From Rom. 12. 17, 18. *Recompence to no Man evil for evil. If it be poſſible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all Men.*

Eph. 4. 31. *Let all Bitterneſs, and Wrath, and Anger, and Clamour, and Evil-ſpeaking, be put away from you, with all Malice.*

1 Theſſ. 5. 15. *See that none render evil for evil unto any Man: But ever follow that which is good, both among your ſelves and to all Men.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to be true and juſt in all thy Dealings?

Anſw. From Rom. 13. 7. *Render to all their Dues.*

Phil. 4. 8. *Whatſoever things are true, whatſoever things are honeſt, whatſoever things are juſt, whatſoever things are pure, whatſoever things are lovely, whatſoever things are of good report; if there be any Virtue, and if there be any Praiſe, think on theſe things.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to bear no Malice nor Hatred in thy Heart?

Anſ. From Col. 3. 8. *Put off all theſe, Anger, Wrath, Malice.*

1 John 3. 15. *Whoſoever hateth his Brother, is a Murderer: and ye know, that no Murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in him.*

Rom. 12. 19. *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourſelves.*

Eph. 4. 26. *Let not the Sun go down upon your Wrath.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to keep thy Hands from picking and ſtealing?

Anſw. From Eph. 4. 28. *Let him that ſtole, ſteal no more: But rather let him labour, working with his Hands the thing which is good.*

1 Theſſ. 4. 6. *That no Man go beyond, and defraud his Brother in any Matter.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to keep thy Tongue from evil-ſpeaking, and ſlandering?

Anſw. From Tit. 39. 2. *To ſpeak evil of no Man.*

Jam. 4. 11. *Speak not evil one of another.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to keep thy Tongue from Lying?

Anſw. From Eph. 4. 25. *Putting away Lying, ſpeak every Man Truth with his Neighbour: For we are Members one of another.*

Col. 3. 9. *Lye not one to another, ſeeing that ye have put off the Old Man with his Deeds.*

Rev. 21. 18. *All Lyars ſhall have their part in the Lake which burneth with Fire and Brimſtone.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to keep thy Body in Temperance and Soberneſs?

Anſw. From Luke 21. 34. *Take heed to your ſelves leſt at any time your Heart be over-charg'd with Surfeiting and Drunkenneſs.*

Rom. 13. 13. *Let us walk honeſtly as in the Day, not in Rioting and Drunkenneſs.*

Eph. 5. 18. *Be not drunk with Wine, wherein is exceſs.*

1 Theſſ. 5. 7, 8. *They that are drunken, are drunken in the Night: But let us who are of the Day be ſober.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to keep thy Body in Chaſtity?

Anſw. From 1 Cor. 6. 8. *Flee Fornication; he that committeth Fornication, ſinneth againſt his own Body.*

Eph. 5. 5. *This ye know, that no Whoremonger, nor unclean Perſon hath any Inheritance in the Kingdom of Chriſt, and of God.*

1 Theſſ. 4. 7. *God hath not called us unto Uncleanneſs, but unto Holineſs.*

Heb. 13. 4. *Marriage is honourable in all, and the Bed undefiled; but Whoremongers and Adulterers God will judge.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty not to covet, nor deſire other Men's Goods?

Anſw. From Luke 12. 15. *Take heed and beware of Covetouſneſs.*

Heb. 13. 5. *Let your Converſation be without Covetouſneſs: And be content with ſuch things as ye have.*

1 Tim. 6. 8. *Having Food and Raiment, let us be therewith content.*

Acts 20. 33. *I have coveted no Man's Silver, or Gold, or Apparel.*

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Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy Duty to learn, and labour to get thine own Living honeſtly, in that State of Life to which God ſhall call thee?

Anſw. From 1 Theſſ. 4. 11. *That ye ſtudy to be quiet, and to do your own Buſineſs, and to work with your own Hands.*

2 Theſſ. 3, 12. *We command and exhort by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that with quietneſs they work, and eat their own Bread.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it the Duty of Chriſtians to relieve the Poor, according to the State of Life in which they are placed?

Anſw. From Luke 11. 41. *Give alms of ſuch things as you have.*

Acts 2. 35. *Ye ought to ſupport the Weak, and to remember the Words of the Lord Jeſus, how he ſaid, It is more bleſſed to give than to receive.*

1 John 3. 17. *Whoſo hath this World's good, and ſeeth his Brother hath need, and ſhutteth up his Bowels of Compaſſion from him, how dwelleth the Love of God in him?*

Heb. 13. 16. *To do good, and to communicate, forget not: for with ſuch Sacrifices God is well pleaſed.*

SECT. X.

Of the Lord's Prayer.

Catech. MY good Child, know this, that thou art not able to do theſe things of thy ſelf; nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to ſerve him, without his eſpecial Grace, which thou muſt learn at all times to call for by diligent Prayer. Let me hear therefore if thou canſt ſay the Lord's Prayer.

Anſw. OUR Father which art in Heaven; 1. Hallowed be thy Name: 2. Thy Kingdom come: 3. Thy Will be done in Earth as it is

in Heaven: 4. Give us this Day our daily Bread: 5. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: 6. And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from all Evil. Amen.

Queſt. How doth it appear, that we are directed to uſe this Form of Prayer?

Anſw. From Matt. 6. 9. *After this manner pray ye.* Luke 12. 2. *Wen ye pray, ſay, Our Father,* and ſo on.

Queſt. What deſireſt thou of God in this Prayer?

Anſw. I deſire my Lord God our Heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodneſs, 1. to ſend his Grace unto me and to all People; that we may worſhip him, 2. ſerve him, and 3. obey him as we ought to do. 4. And I pray unto God, that he will ſend us all things that be needful both for our Souls and Bodies: And that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our Sins 5. And that it will pleaſe him to ſave and defend us in all Dangers ghoſtly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all Sin and Wickedneſs; and from our ghoſtly Enemy; and from everlaſting Death. And this I truſt he will do of his Mercy and Goodneſs, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. And therefore I ſay Amen. So be it.

Queſt. Thou haſt anſwered well. But to ſpeak more diſtinctly of the ſeveral Petitions of the Lord's Prayer, What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Firſt Petition of it, *Hallowed be thy Name?*

Anſw. We pray that God may be glorified by us, and all Men, in every thing; and that he would enable us in all our Actions to promote the Honour of his Name.

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Second Petition, *Thy Kingdom come?*

Anſw. We pray that God would rule in our Hearts, and enlarge the Chriſtian Church, which is his Kingdom of Grace, and that he would haſten his Kingdom of Glory; and that the Power of Sin and Satan may be aboliſh'd in us, and in all the World.

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Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Third Petition, *Thy Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven?*

Anſw. We pray, that God would enable us to perform his Will with the ſame Readineſs, and Obedience, as 'tis fulfill'd by the Angels, and Saints in Heaven: And that in all things which he ſhall appoint, we may cheerfully ſubmit to his good Pleaſure.

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Fourth Petition, *Give us this Day our daily Bread?*

Anſw. We pray for all the neceſſary Supports of Life; and for the Subſtance both of Body and Soul; and for God's Bleſſing upon our lawful Induſtry; and we acknowledge hereby our Dependance on God's daily Care.

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Fifth Petition, *Forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us?*

Anſw. We pray to be releas'd from the Guilt and Penalty of our daily Sins: And becauſe God hath made the forgiving of our Brethren the Condition of granting his Pardon to us; we declare ſolemnly to him, that we are ready to forgive all that have offended us, as we hope for Remiſſion from him.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove this to be the Condition of our expecting God's Forgiveneſs?

Anſw. From Matt. 6. 14, 15. *If ye forgive Men their Treſpaſſes, your Heavenly Father will alſo forgive you. But if ye forgive not Men their Treſpaſſes, neither will your Father forgive your Treſpaſſes.*

Mark 11. 25. *When ye ſtand Praying, forgive, if ye have ought againſt any: That your Father alſo which is in Heaven may forgive your Treſpaſſes.*

Luke 6. 37. *Forgive, and ye ſhall be forgiven.*

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Sixth Petition, *Lord, lead us not into Temptation; but deliver us from Evil?*

Anſw. We pray that God would either keep us from all Temptations to Sin, or would ſtrengthen us under them; and that he would preſerve us from all

Evil, both of Sin, and Puniſhment, and eſpecially from the Snares of the Devil.

Queſt. Why do we pray, that God would not *lead us into Temptation*, ſince he never tempteth any Man to Sin?

Anſw. Becauſe tho' God doth never tempt any Man to Sin, yet all Temptations are by his Permiſſion; and he can ſtop them at any time, and keep us from falling.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of God's Power and Goodneſs?

Anſw. From 1 Cor. 10. 13. *God is faithful, who will not ſuffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the Temptation alſo make a way to eſcape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

2 Pet. 2. 9. *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of Temptations.*

Queſt. What is the Form of Praiſe and Thankſgiving which uſually concludes the Lord's Prayer?

Anſw. **Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever.**

Queſt. Thou fayeſt *Amen*, in Confidence of God's hearing thee: But what Proof haſt thou of his hearing, and granting our Requeſt?

Anſw. From Matt. 7. 8. *Every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that ſeeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it ſhall be opened.*

Matth. 21. 22. *All things whatſoever ye ſhall ask in Prayer, believing, ye ſhall receive.*

John 16. 23. *Verily, verily, I ſay unto you; Whatſoever ye ſhall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you.*

1 John 5. 14. *This is the Confidence we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his Will, he heareth us.*

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SECT. XI.

Of the Two Sacraments, and more particularly of Baptiſm.

Queſt. HOW many Sacraments hath Chriſt ordained in his Church?

Anſw. Two only, as generally neceſſary to Salvation, that is to ſay, Baptiſm and the Supper of the Lord.

Queſt. What meaneſt thou by the Word Sacrament?

Anſw. I mean, an outward and viſible Sign of an inward and ſpiritual Grace, given unto us, ordained by Chriſt himſelf, as a Means whereby we receive the ſame, and a Pledge to aſſure us thereof.

Queſt. How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

Anſw. Two: the outward viſible Sign, and the inward Spiritual Grace.

Queſt. What is the outward viſible Sign, or Form in Baptiſm?

Anſw. Water: wherein the Perſon is baptized, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt.

Queſt. Where is the Command of baptizing thus?

Anſw. In Matt. 28. 19. *Go ye and teach all Nations, baptizing in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt.*

Queſt. What is the Inward and Spiritual Grace?

Anſw. A Death unto Sin, and a new Birth unto Righteouſneſs: For being by Nature born in Sin, and the Children of Wrath, we are hereby made the Children of Grace.

Queſt. What is the Death unto Sin?

Anſw. Death unto Sin is, the being cleanſed from the Pollution of it; and the cleanſing from it, as a dead Man from the Actions of Life.

Queſt. What is the new Birth unto Righteouſneſs?

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Anſw. The new Birth unto Righteouſneſs, is a Change in the Soul; by receiving holy Diſpoſitions from the Spirit of God, and an Ability to proceed in all Virtue and Godlineſs of living.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that in Baptiſm there is a Death unto Sin, and a new Birth unto Righteouſneſs?

Anſw. From Rom. 6. 4. *We are buried with him by Baptiſm into Death; that like as Chriſt was rāiſed up from the dead by the Glory of the Father, even ſo we alſo ſhould walk in newneſs of Life.*

Col. 2. 12. *Buried with him in Baptiſm, wherein alſo you are riſen with him through the Faith of the Operation of God, who hath raiſed him from the Dead.*

2 Cor. 5. 17. *If any Man be in Chriſt, he is a new Creature.*

Rom. 6. 11. *Reckon ye your ſelves to be dead indeed unto Sin; but alive unto God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that by Nature we are born in Sin, and the Children of Wrath?

Anſw. From Eph. 2. 3. *We all were by Nature the Children of Wrath, even as others.*

Rom 5. 12. *By one Man Sin entered into the World, and Death by Sin; and ſo Death paſſed upon all Men, for that all have ſinned.*

Queſt. What is requir'd of Perſons to be baptized?

Anſw. Repentance, whereby thy forſake Sin; and Faith, whereby they ſtedfaſtly believe the Promiſes of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Queſt. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reaſon of their tender Age, they cannot perform them?

Anſw. Becauſe they promiſe them both by their Sureties; which Promiſe when they come to Age, themſelves are bound to perform.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove that Repentance is required of Perſons to be baptized?

Anſw. From Acts 2. 38. *Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, for the remiſſion of Sins.*

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Matt. 4. 17. *Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that this Repentance is the forſaking of Sin?

Anſw. From 2 Tim. 2. 19. *Let every one that nameth the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, depart from Iniquity.*

1 John 3. 6. *Whoſoever abideth in him, ſinneth not: whoſoever ſinneth, hath not ſeen him, neither known him.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove that Faith is requir'd of Perſons to be baptized?

Anſw. From Acts 2. 41. *They that gladly receiv'd his Word, were baptized.*

Acts 8. 36, 37. *The Eunuch ſaid, See, here is Water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip ſaid, If thou believeſt with all thy Heart, thou mayeſt.*

Queſt. How is the Baptiſm of Infants grounded upon Scripture?

Anſw. 'Tis grounded upon the Adminiſtration of Circumciſion to Infants under the Law, and upon the ordaining of Baptiſm as the Way to Salvation; and upon the Aſſurance that Infants are capable of being ſaved.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove that Infants are in a Capacity of Salvation?

Anſw. From Matt. 19. 14. *Suffer little Children, and forbid them not to come unto me: For of ſuch is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

1 Cor. 7. 17. *Elſe were your Children unclean; but now are they holy.*

Qu. How doſt thou prove the Neceſſity of Baptiſm?

Anſw. From John 3. 5. *Except a Man be born of Water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.*

1 Pet. 3. 21. *Baptiſm doth alſo now ſave us.*

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SECT. XII.

Of the Lord's Supper.

Queſt. WHY was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?

Anſw. For the continual Remembrance of the Sacrifice of the Death of Chriſt, and of the Benefits which we receive thereby.

Queſt. How doth it appear to be the End of ordaining this Sacrament?

Anſw. From Luke 22. 12. *This is my Body which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me.*

1 Cor. 11. 26. *As often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do ſhew the Lord's Death till he come.*

Queſt. What is the outward Part, or Sign of the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Command?

Anſw. From 1 Cor. 11. 23, 24, 25. *I have received of the Lord that which I alſo delivered unto you: That the Lord Jeſus the ſame night in which he was betrayed, took Bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it and ſaid, Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the ſame manner alſo he took the Cup when he had ſupped, ſaying, This Cup is the New Teſtament in my Blood: This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Queſt. What is the outward part or thing ſignified?

Anſw. The Body and Blood of Chriſt, which are verily and indeed taken, and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Queſt. What are the Benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Anſw. The ſtrengthning and refreſhing of our Souls, by the Body and Blood of Chriſt, as our Bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

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Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that the Body and Blood of Chriſt are truly, and ſpiritually receiv'd in the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. From Matt. 26. 26, 27, 28. *Jeſus took Bread, and bleſſed it, and brake it, and gave it to the Diſciples, and ſaid, Take, eat, this is my Body. And he took the Cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, ſaying, Drink ye all of it: For this is my Blood of the New Teſtament, which is ſhed for many, for the remiſſion of Sins.*

1 Cor. 10. 16. *The Cup of Bleſſing which we bleſs, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Chriſt? The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Chriſt?*

John 6. 54. *Whoſo eateth my Fleſh, and drinketh my Blood, hath Eternal Life.*

Queſt. **What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?**

Anſw. **To examine themſelves, whether they repent them truly of their former Sins, ſtedfaſtly purpoſing to lead a new Life, having a lively Faith in God's Mercy through Chriſt, with a thankful Remembrance of his Death, and be in Charity with all Men.**

Queſt. How doſt thou prove this Examination to be neceſſary?

Anſw. From 1 Cor. 11. 27, 28. *Whoſoever ſhall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of the Lord unworthily, ſhall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a Man examine himſelf, and ſo let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.*

Queſt. Why is Repentance neceſſary to the receiving of the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Becauſe without Repentance we can hope for no Benefit from the Death of Chriſt, which we here commemorate; and have the Benefits of it convey'd to us by this ſacred Memorial.

Queſt. How is it prov'd, that we ought to repent?

Anſw. From 1 Cor. 5. 8. *Let us keep the Feaſt, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of Malice, and Wickedneſs, but with the unleavened Bread of Sincerity and Truth.*

1 Cor. 12. 31. *If we would judge our ſelves, we ſhould not be judged.*

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Queſt. Why is Faith neceſſary to the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Becauſe it is a Sacrament appointed for ſuch Believers as own their Baptiſm, and are ripe in Knowledge; and herein they have a near Communion with Chriſt, and feed on him by Faith.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Duty?

Anſw. From Heb. 10. 22. *Let us draw near with a true Heart, and a full aſſurance of Faith.*

2 Cor. 13. 5. *Examine your ſelves, whether ye be in the Faith.*

Queſt. Why is our Thankfulneſs neceſſary to the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Becauſe 'tis a Sacrifice of Thankſgiving to God, for our Redemption by Chriſt.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou for a thankful Remembrance hereof?

Anſw. From Rom. 5. 8. *God commendeth this Love towards us, in that while we were yet ſinners, Chriſt died for us.*

1 Pet. 1. 18, 19. *Ye were not redeem'd with corruptible things, as Silver and Gold: But with the precious Blood of Chriſt, as of a Lamb without blemiſh and without ſpot.*

Queſt. Why is the being in Charity neceſſary to the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Becauſe 'tis a Feaſt of Love, and a Communion of Chriſtians one with another; and ſignifies their Conjunction into one Spiritual Body.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Duty?

Anſw. From Matt. 5. 23, 24. *If thou bring thy Gift to the Altar, and there remembereſt that thy Brother hath ought againſt thee; leave there thy Gift before the Altar, and go thy way, firſt be reconciled with thy Brother, and then come and offer thy Gift.*

1 Cor. 10. 27. *We being many, are one Bread and one Body; for we are all Partakers of that one Bread.*

Eph. 5. 2. *Walk in love, as Chriſt alſo hath loved us, and hath given himſelf for us, an Offering and a Sacrifice to God.*

1 John 4. 11. *If God ſo loved us, we ought alſo to love one another.*

The END.